

**REMARKS**

After entry of the foregoing amendments, Claims 57, 59-75, 78-81, 83-93, 95-105, 107-117, 119-129, and 131-140 are pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and further examination in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. By the foregoing amendments claims 57, 69, 75, 78-80, 93, 105, 117, and 129 have been amended and claims 76, 77, 94, 106, 118 and 130 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

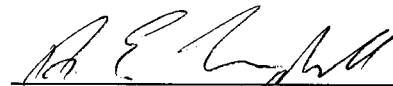
The undersigned thanks the examiner for the courtesy extended during the telephone call which took place on August 17, 2006. During the call the examiner indicated that the claims would be allowable if the independent claims were amended as set forth above.

In view of the foregoing, applicant believes that all of the claims are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of these claims, applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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